

"Man is but a reed — the weakest thing in nature — but he is a reed that thinks."
—Blaise Pascal

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Vellore Celebrates 30th Anniversary

This year hundreds of religious, medical and nursing societies in the U. S. and Canada will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the All-India Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India.

The colleges' unique contribution to the foreign missions work, and the need for continued financial support in the development of new educational and medical projects, will be emphasized at the anniversary observances. Dr. Hilda Lazarus, the new director-principal of the college, will visit North America this fall to take part in these anniversary observances.

Vellore is "one of this generation's most inspiring causes" because few institutions in the Orient admit Christian Indians to prepare for medical and nursing careers. Originally only women were admitted as students but last year arrangements were made for a limited number of men to enroll in the medical college.

Vellore is one of three recognized women's medical colleges in India, and has graduated hundreds of doctors and nurses now practicing in Burma, Malaya and India.

The college has gained an international reputation for its pioneer work in the research and treatment of leprosy — one of the three most common diseases in India. Plans are now under way to build a home for severe leprosy cases, and another institution for afflicted children. Study and research is being conducted by Dr. Robert Cochran, one of the Orient's leading authorities on this disease.

Owing to the large rural population, the college staff operates mobile medical units within a 25 mile radius of Vellore. Minor operations, preliminary treatment of leprosy, and general medical care are provided for 30,000 patients annually through this service. In addition, the hospital cares for approximately 105,000 patients each year.

One of the most significant contributions Vellore plans to make as a missionary enterprise is the establishment of a hospital for the treatment and study of mental diseases. This will be the first hospital of its kind in India, and will help fill a much neglected need. Plans are being projected for the

P. T. A. Plans For First Fall Meeting

Under the guidance of its new president, James C. Gillespie, the Northfield Parent-Teachers Association has begun preliminary work prior to the first general meeting at Alexander Hall on Sept. 13. Announcement of various committees will be made shortly. The Executive committee of the local P. T. A. has held several meetings during the summer in order that a brisk start can be made this fall.

Chesterfield N. H. Honors Jurist Stone

The Old Home Day celebration at Chesterfield, N. H., on Wednesday, August 25, will feature the dedication of a memorial at the birthday of the late Harlan Fiske Stone, former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Present for the ceremonies will be Governor Charles Dale of New Hampshire, Justice Stanley Reed, U. S. Supreme Court and United States Senator Styles Bridges.

expansion of the Hospital's facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis — a disease infecting an estimated 20 million Indians. Dr. Reeve H. Betts, prominent thoracic surgeon from Newton Center, Mass., will be the director of this work.

Vellore has been noted for its training in women's surgical and obstetrical treatments and has conducted special research projects in pathology, radiology, neurology and infectious diseases.

In recent Hindu and Moslem disturbances, Vellore has demonstrated its concern for the entire population by dispatching doctors and nurses to troubled areas where medical supplies and treatments have been administered.

Establishment of Vellore dates back to 1908 when Dr. Ida Scudder, daughter of American missionaries in India, opened a small dispensary near Vellore. She has since been decorated by the British government "for distinguished services to the welfare of India and her people". In May, 1942, Dr. Scudder became one of three people to receive the "Northfield Award for Distinguished Service."

Enlistments in R. A. Assigned to Devens

M. Sgt. Jack C. Evans announced today that enlistments and reenlistments in the Regular Army are now open to veterans for direct assignment to the 7th Infantry Regimental Combat Team.

Provided service is honorable and satisfactory veterans are assured of a 3 year assignment to the 7th Infantry Regimental Combat Team presently stationed at Ft. Devens, Mass. Veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps are qualified for this enlistment opportunity at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Further information can be obtained at the local Recruiting Office, 358 Main Street, Athol, Mass.

Extension Service To Hold Classes

The Massachusetts Extension Service will send a representative to Northfield sometime in September to demonstrate the use of sewing machine attachments.

Anyone interested please call anyone of the following by Sept. 1: Mrs. George Sheldon, Mrs. Dean Williams, Mrs. F. Earl Lilly, Mrs. Laurence Hammond, Mrs. Francis Reed or Mrs. Charles White. The demonstrations will be held in one or more homes of those listed above.

A number of other classes are scheduled for the fall and winter months, with the Extension Service furnishing personnel for instruction purposes.

Huber and Luciw Now in the Navy

Two 18-year-old Northfield youths are the first in Franklin County to take advantage of the new one-year enlistment, which went into effect this month. Chief Joseph M. Paolucci reported today.

Philip Edward Huber, who was graduated from Mt. Hermon in 1947, has been transferred to Great Lakes, Ill., naval training center. Fred Walter Luciw was graduated from the Northfield High School in 1948. The recruiting station's quota for these new enlistments are two a month.

New Florists Open In Hinsdale, N. H.

"Terrace Gardens", a new florist shop and greenhouse, has been started in Hinsdale, N. H., by Fred A. Nees of Terrace Hill, a 25 x 100 foot greenhouse is being constructed on his property with an entrance from Stebbins street. This greenhouse is the first of three which will eventually be constructed on the property.

"Terrace Gardens" will be managed and operated by an experienced florist, Frank Davis of Winchester, N. H. Mr. Davis will also supervise the construction.

The new florists have announced that special consideration will be given to funeral work, wedding arrangements and hospital bouquets. A basement is serving as a temporary workshop and orders may be placed immediately.

Seek Quota Here For Work Support

The Franklin County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children will seek a quota of \$250 in Northfield, \$50 in Mount Hermon and \$250 in Gill for the support of its work in the various towns. Mrs. Fred A. Holton of Highland avenue serving as one of the directors from Northfield, has been named as having charge of the local solicitation.

Chairmen have been named in every town to secure the funds needed. The Society has accomplished a most commendable effort and the report of their work is available to all who are interested. Miss Adelaide Hood is the agent of the Society who, during last year, according to figures, investigated 139 families in which 307 children were involved, some requiring court action. As in former years it is expected that this town will make a prompt response and secure its share of the needed funds.

Holton Family Holds 12th Biennial Reunion

The Holton Family Association will hold its 12th Biennial Reunion at the Northfield Chateau in East Northfield, Mass., on Saturday, August 28, 1948. All Holtons and descendants are invited to be present.

The business meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a. m. A picnic has been planned for 1 p. m. to be followed by an informal afternoon of games and getting acquainted. Please contact the secretary, Hilma Holton, 21 Chauncy street, Cambridge 38, Mass., before August 26.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of the many kind friends who made our Food Sale a Success — either by their donations or their attendance.
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Registration Dates By Age Groups

Local Board 11, in Greenfield, and serving the entire Franklin County, has announced the dates and age groups for the coming registration. They are listed with the date of registration following the year of birth: 1922, Aug. 30, 1923, Aug. 31 or Sept. 1, 1924, Sept. 2 or 3, 1925, Sept. 4 or 7, 1926, Sept. 8 or 9, 1927, Sept. 10 or 11, 1928, Sept. 13 or 14, 1929, Sept. 15 or 16, 1930, Sept. 17 or 18.

Although no formal announcement has been made by draft officials it is expected that town clerks throughout the county will perform the registration of local youths.

Announcement of definite procedure will be made shortly, giving time and place of registration. No tabulation of the number of eligible youths in Northfield has been made.

Fine Collection of Pictures at Museum

The Northfield Historical Society had a successful food sale last week, as well as a large number of visitors at the Museum. The proceeds from the food sale are being used to defray the cost of shades for the Museum.

The next regular meeting of the Historical Society will be on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 at the Museum. A paper entitled, "American Antiques as Footnotes to History" will be read to the members. Leon Dunnell will show an exhibit of old glass.

The Society has a fine collection of pictures taken during the 200th anniversary celebration, an excellent opportunity to look over the scenes of 25 years ago. This, of course, is only a small part of the three floors of historical matter that has been collected and displayed by the Northfield Historical Society.

1160 Voters Are Now Registered in Town

The number of registered voters in Northfield is now at a new high, following the August 13 sitting of the Board of Registrars. 30 new voters registered at that time.

A total of 1160 persons are now enrolled as registered voters out of a total population of 2064. The number of registered voters last year was about 1035.

Two more registration opportunities will follow the primaries and precede the presidential elections.

Following is a list of 43 who were registered at the last two registrars' meetings in the town hall:

Fanny L. Black, Mabel L. Barney, Natalie Briesmaster, Helen A. Cembalsty, Beatrice H. Daley, Geneva Dawe, Alice Drake, Sophie Iudala, Donna M. Furcolo, Alina N. Hantunen, Florence M. Harmon, Leah E. Hennion, Martha F. Hulme, Janet M. Janes, Ruth D. Johnson, Rula L. Jones, Allison K. Kaufhold, Jean H. Laddinsky, Jennie R. Lombard, Mildred F. Miller, Lula M. Neal, Ruth K. Nelson, Arline D. Randall, Margaret M. Sargent, Flora F. Severance, Virgilola D. Shindler, Agnes R. Szeszowski, Margaret D. Wert, Ralph W. Bentley, Frank H. Carter, J. Austin Daley, Michael P. Furcolo, Unto Hantunen, Frank C. Harmon, Harold Keith Jacobus, Charles A. Neal, John A. Rikert, Russell David Roberts, Ralph E. Sargent, Stanley C. Sherman, Ralph L. Shindler, Andrew R. Stacy, Robert D. Wert.

Sage Chapel Wedding

The wedding of Miss Elinor Ford Peck and John Severinghaus will take place in Sage Chapel on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls, Saturday afternoon, August 28th at four o'clock. Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Peck from their home and mission station in Guatemala extend to all Northfield friends an invitation to attend the wedding service.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21,
Legion Auxiliary food sale. Mrs. Emory Rikert's lawn. 2 p. m.
August 23, 24, and 25,
Second Annual Royalston Antiques Exposition and Sale. 1 to 10 p. m.
August 24,
"Candlelight" opens at the Keene Summer Theatre. Curtain 8:30.
"The Glass Menagerie" opens at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre. Curtain. 8:30 p. m.
August 28,
Auction on the Unitarian church grounds.
August 29,
Northfield Historical Society Museum open. 2 to 5 p. m.
September 8,
Garden Club Annual meeting. Alexander Hall. 8 p. m.
September 9,
Northfield Forum. Town Hall. 8 p. m. Subject "What is Democracy?"
September 13,
P.T.A. meeting. Alexander hall.

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No High Diving Here

Now that nothing has been done about a swimming pool in Northfield, we might mention that some of the more imaginative members of the younger generation adapted the town horse trough, in front of the post office, for their immediate cooling off needs.

The trough isn't quite deep enough for high diving, but at least they can get their feet wet.

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If you've ever used gasoline or benzine for cleaning at home, you surely have noticed how rapidly they evaporate.

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If you use a flammable cleaning fluid always do it outside your house — and even then exercise great care.

Improper cleaning with gasoline and benzine cause more than 50,000 fires a year.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer — the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Phrenologist Wanted?

To The Editors of the Northfield Press:

The news that the Russian teacher jumped from the fourth story window of the Russian Consulate probably caused a great many of us to rage and say, "We must do something about these people."

But when a U. S. citizen in one of our wonderfully understaffed, deplorably run insane asylums, reformatories or penitentiaries is beaten to death by a guard, what is the reaction? In the first place the big radio news periods do not devote any time to the incident and if it does get in the papers there is no righteous indignation, no violent demands that WE DO SOMETHING. The pitiful few who are righteously indignant are lucky if the recital of the brutal murder gets a "Yes, it's terrible."

I was present when a nice, intelligent, American (pure Yankee) couple told what the group present considered an "amusing" story: A former acquaintance was removed from a position of authority in the State Hospital because too many patients were dying of broken skulls. I spoiled the amusement by getting horrified and wanting to know what was being done about such conditions.

In the current Time, (August 16) is the report of Ray Spriggle's story of how he traveled as a Negro in our South for four weeks. The full story is running serially in the New York Herald Tribune. Everyone who wants to clean up Russia, the Communists and the world should read one or the other. Then, if they don't think AMERICA needs a little housecleaning FIRST, they need their heads examined.

Yona U. Stafford
August 13, 1948.

Kittens Seek Home Need New Parents

Some time ago we had occasion to write a few words about a number of little kittens — of the Huckleberry variety. The mother was "Freckles" and the uncle was "Tubby" — there seems to be a father missing. Be that as it may, a litter was born nevertheless. All of the sturdy heterogeneous Huckleberry strain.

Two members of the litter still remain without a home — that is, they are looking for some kind of foster parents.

The two kittens are now living with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Racine at "Stonehurst" on Huckleberry Hill. However the Racines would like to find homes for the two little kittens.

The door was open — and "Freckles" got out again!!

Our Town Clock is Run by Elbow Grease

And with a church we need a clock. And I am one for that.

As firm too as the Plymouth Rock. On which the Pilgrims squat.

This poem was written in Northfield in April, 1871, following the fire that destroyed the Unitarian Church, and as is obvious was a plea for a new town clock to go with the new church.

On Dec. 19, 1871, the Bigelow Kennard Co. of Boston installed the clock in the present Unitarian Church steeple at the cost of \$550. To the town. It would cost \$1700 at present day prices to replace the clock.

The original bell that tolled the hours, and was reputed to have been cast by Paul Revere from Spanish mills, was also destroyed in the fire. In order that the town be advised regularly as to the hour of the day or night, Jonathan W. Allen, Esq. of New York, in 1871, donated the present bell to the First Unitarian Church.

Living under the shadow of the Unitarian church steeple, and with a ringing tone from the bell, it seemed advisable to examine the structure and clock mechanism. In company with a few other curious souls, and under the guidance of Willis Parker, we mounted the rickety stairs that lead to the base of the steeple where the works of the clock are housed in a cramped box-like affair. Two large sized men, and two wide-eyed boys, are able to jam into the tiny room to watch the rather simple-looking clock work.

Willis Parker, for some three years now, has had the weekly chore of winding up the weights for the "striker" and also for the time keeping part of the clock. It takes 165 complete turns with the crank to bring up the 800 odd pounds of weights necessary to keep the "striker" operating once an hour for a week. It took 65 turns of the crank to wind up the clock for its weekly stint of time-keeping.

It is heavy work, this clock winding, for the visitors were also given an opportunity to see what it takes to make the clock go around. We know now — and it isn't electricity. The clock itself seems quite a simple looking group of cogs and wheels, with four long arms projecting to each of the faces, thus turning the hands of the clock as visible out to the street.

On being compared with a watch set to Arlington observatory time, the town clock was but five seconds off the mark as the hour of ten began to strike, and remember, that one week had elapsed since the last winding.

In addition to his duties as the town clock winder, Mr. Parker was in a constant embattled state with a very large covey of touring pigeons. This threat has almost been conquered by barring most of the apertures with chicken wire, however he has had to watch over the birth of innumerable little birds, which have been then sent out to learn how to fly outside the church steeple.

The steeple, standing high above Main street which always sways some two inches or more in high winds, withstood the two recent hurricanes while giant trees went crashing down all around it.

Parker, who keeps the clock in working order with quarterly oilings and an ever watchful eye, therefore plays a mighty important part in our town when he mounts the stairs each week and turns that crank 165 times for the "striker" and 65 times for the clock.

Town Topics

Rev. Mary A. Connors of Winchester road is in East Calais, Vt., to attend the one hundredth anniversary of the Unitarian Church there and during her stay she will be the guest of Miss Sylvia Bliss.

Mrs. Annie Mabel Scott, mother of Mrs. Sidney Tyler of Warwick road, died at the Franklin County hospital August 13. She was buried at the Evergreen cemetery in Hinsdale, N. H. Mrs. Scott lived for some time with her daughter here in town.

Ed Hurley is back from a holiday trip to Vermont and is marking time prior to entering school in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jacobus and family of Mountain Park are spending a vacation with her parents at their Long Island home. They made the trip by airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harblson and children of Honeoye, N. Y., are visiting at the summer home of their aunt, Miss Sarah Ayer on the Highlands.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon who have been at their summer cottage here in Pine Grove left last Monday for a visit with their son and family in California and then will go on to Florida to spend the winter at their home in St. Petersburg.

There was an unintentional omission of the name of Miss Lucile Johnson from the account of the Rustic Ridge social at the home of Mrs. Schmadeke last week Tuesday. Miss Johnson sang a solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Boeve of New Rochelle, N. Y., were at the Boeve

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
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A dispute was raised by one group of the parish over the Rev. Benjamin Doolittle's duties as doctor and surgeon interfering with his religious ones. Apparently Doolittle was too prosperous, holding much land. The Hampshire Ecclesiastical Council tried advising how to settle it. By 1741, the minister Dr. Doolittle settled it without outside help. Quaint are the words in which he phrased it. He wished to end "the noise about my Principals which have been very wounding to Religion and hurting to peace and unity among us." Another split in views of the members of the church was coming, brought about by Northampton's Jonathan Edwards' awakening. Edwards was conservative and Doolittle Liberal. This is a forerunner of the coming conservation at Yale and liberalism at Harvard where ministers were educated. Both of these ministers were products of Yale College in its earliest days. Ministers were still held in high esteem. During Father Ralle's War special guards had been kept at Rev. Doolittle's, whether due to him or the situation is not clear.

No equality existed in these Colonial days, more than was brought about. Just one look at the seating of the Meeting House or the seating of young men at meals at Harvard or Yale revealed class distinction. Incidentally, the manner of eating in early colonial times

may surprise some. At Harvard they used wooden spoons, pocket knives and their fingers. Forks were of later invention. Knives of silver or plate are only about 115 years old here. Old spoons marked coin silver were just that, made from money captured from Spanish ships. Near 1800, much Spanish money was in circulation in this country. The Spanish dollar was often mentioned. However in colonial times barter and such staple materials as corn, wheat, etc., served for money. An arithmetic text of those days was not simple. Not only were there pounds, shillings and pence, but English money and colonial of the same period had different value in exchange. Wars created scarcity of money and changes in value. Many store account books of late Colonial days reveal wages very low. Inventories also are good sources for finding prices of the times. For instance, in 1724 Johnathan Belding charged for ten days' labor at the North Fort, 12 shillings, 6 pence, and for 1063 feet of boards at 2s 6d, 1-7-0, that is a pound 7 shillings. In 1737 all males over 16 paid a poll tax of 1s 6d. That year there were 79 taxable polls, 52 house lots taxed, 68 oxen, 99 horses, 108 cows, 255 sheep and 141 hogs, according to Temple and Sheldon. These statistics help us to imagine what life was like then.

(To be continued)

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Mrs. Hesser Ruhl, Assistant Librarian

Open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 8 except Wednesday and Friday when it closes at 6 p. m.

Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, a former librarian here, returned to her home in Salem last week, after spending five weeks in Northfield. While in town she assisted with the work of recataloguing the books in the library.

The librarian, Mrs. Florence Phelps, is spending two weeks on vacation. Mrs. Hesser Ruhl, assistant librarian, will be in charge during the opening hours at the library while Mrs. Phelps is away.

The following books have recently been placed on our shelves:

Malabar Farm, by Louis Bromfield, a sequel to his Pleasant Valley.

No Trumpet Before Him, by Nella Gardner White; a story of a minister of the present day, which promises to be equally popular with the Bishop's Mantle, by Turnbull.

Days of Promise, by Louis Stevens, a historical novel of the Civil War period to the present, covers four generations of the McAllisters of Kansas.

Rogue River Feud, by Zane Grey, ran serially several years ago and has been published in book form.

VETERANS BULLETIN BOARD

Veterans should give their National Service Life Insurance policies a periodic "three-way check" to make certain that their NSLI program is consistent with their plans and obligations, according to Walter V. Robinson, Insurance officer for the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Boston.

The three-way check includes a survey of (1) beneficiaries, principal and contingent; (2) manner in which proceeds are to be paid to beneficiaries, and (3) amount and type of NSLI in force.

"Many veterans," Robinson pointed out, "fail to name new beneficiaries when they marry or when a designated beneficiary dies."

"If a veteran dies without naming a beneficiary, proceeds of the insurance go into his estate, are subject to inheritance taxes, and final distribution of the proceeds

may not be that which the veteran would have desired."

Robinson explained that changes in family status or family income may require that the veteran change the mode of settlement of NSLI proceeds from the one originally selected to one more suitable. The insured may elect to have his NSLI proceeds paid to his beneficiary in a lump sum or in equal monthly installments ranging from 36 to lifetime income.

The type and amount of NSLI owned by a veteran, Robinson suggested, should be that which best fits his pocketbook and gives him the best coverage possible. NSLI policies include term, ordinary life, 30-payment life, 20-payment life, endowment at the age of 60, endowment at the age of 65, and 20-year endowment.

summer cottage in Mountain Park last week.

Miss Ellen Peck arrived in Northfield last Monday having traveled by plane and train to New York. She is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Robert Moore and will be married in Sage Chapel August 28. She spent the summer in Guatemala.

Placements of all directory signs on Rustic Ridge have been completed and they will remain in position until October first. A printed directory folder will be published later and it is expected that the list giving names and numbers will be printed in the town directory. Residents of the Ridge should make a visible showing of the number on their house.

THE PRESS

Your Local Paper

POET'S CORNER

To Sleep

Fair Sleep! I seek thee in the caverns of the earth
Where never mortal man was wont to tread;
I grope thee in the regions of all creation's birth.
To pull from Lethe's weeds a single thread.
Invade my castle, heauteous teenager, and weave
A covering web of sliken dreams.
Come cast away this foibled world tonight, and my brain leave
At peace, till morning's glory o're my silent streams.

But then away with thee! for I'll not have, O Sleep,
From all reality a cloak in pleasant dreams' deceit.
And I'll not be among the fools who over earthly life must weep
And seek thy balm, for happiness is in a mind complete.
But may I say, when my rendezvous with death I keep,
"The world beat hard against my faith; my soul felt no defeat."

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A tour of the newly constructed aluminum covered 16 by 36 Quonset Hut revealed the extent of the growth of the Hamstery, which originally was housed in Mott Gihse's barn and later in Charlie Scanlon's cellar.

Breeding of hamsters in this country is a relatively new business dating back to around 1940-41. Although a number of different types of hamsters exist, and are traced back to various countries throughout the world, the hamsters used here in Northfield are the "Syrian Golden Hamster", captured in Syria, and domesticated in Palestine — therefore sometimes called the "Hamster from the Holy Land."

Generally these hamsters are 5 to 6 inches long, weigh 3 to 4½ ounces and reach mature adulthood in 15 or 16 weeks. Their average life expectancy, under normal conditions, is 2½ years. They are highly carnivorous and will resort to cannibalism when frightened. The hamsters are a very clean animal, have no inherent diseases, and are extremely sensitive and will catch a common cold if approached by a human being with a cold. They have an instantaneous reaction when inoculated with a disease and their teeth are very much like those of a human being. They are generally golden brown in color with a white stomach. They also have pouches extending from their cheeks to their shoulders, in which they store and carry food. They eat grain and greens, and drink water.

Hamsters are more and more sought after by laboratories and hospitals because of the rapidity with which they breed. For a yearly period these are the comparative figures, Guinea Pigs, 30; Rabbits, 40; Mice, 50,000; and Hamsters, 100,000. These figures are arrived at when you begin with but one male and one female.

The male hamster matures in 12 to 15 weeks, while the female of the species takes but 6 to 9 weeks. The gestation period for the female hamster is 16 days, with the average litter being about 8 little hamsters. At birth they are the size of a jelly bean. They are weaned in 3 weeks, then taken away from the mother, and after a five day rest the mother is ready for breeding again. Breeding at the Northfield Hamstery is kept under rigid control, with a complete card file for that purpose.

The Northfield Hamstery has something like 1,500 animals for stock and breeding at the moment,

but anticipate future expansion will include at least 1,000 breeding females.

Shipments to laboratories and breeders have been to almost every state in the union and to Canada.

The hamster, which in latin means "hoarder", is a nocturnal animal, for he sleeps all day. The male, according to the Northfield Hamstery, is an ideal pet. The fact that they are gentle and friendly little fellows makes them ideal for pets. They are odorless and noiseless, easy to feed and house. They do not have diseases of their own and are not subject to infestation by fleas or other parasites.

As a purely unscientific observation, they have little noses that resemble pink raspberries — and constantly sniffing.

The Hamstery also has an arrangement whereby anyone purchasing Northfield Strain Syrian Golden Hamster can, by fulfilling the agreement, sell their animals back to the Northfield Hamstery. Complete information on any phase of hamster raising or buying can be had from Charles Scanlon or H. Keith Jacobus at the Northfield Hamstery.

Greek Cook Book With Native Recipes

An interesting cook book prepared by the women graduates of Anatolia College in Salonika, Greece, has arrived here. These women have been assisted by the art teacher, Mr. George Paralis, and by Mrs. Carl Compton, wife of the Dean of Men.

This book looks like a loose-leaf notebook with a scene of old Greece sketched on the cover. Inside is a pen-sketch of Anatolia College, and each recipe accompanied by appropriate illustrations of ingredients used. Each recipe has been written in the hand-writing of the contributor and also signed by her. A few of the recipes are familiar to those who like foreign cooking, and many others sound delicious and should be tried since they are not difficult to prepare.

This cook book is being sold as a benefit by friends of Anatolia and may be obtained from the following persons: Mrs. E. M. Powell, East Northfield; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Northfield; and Mrs. Wilson Dodd, Mt. Hermon.

Town Topics

Mrs. George A. Bronson, who suffered a broken collar bone in August 56 collision on Main street, is improving rapidly. Dr. Bronson has practically recovered from the severe shaking up as a result of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. William White of Wilmington, Del., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Cook of Main street.

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White pine built New England's loveliest colonial mansions and churches. A favorite of the carpenter, it works smoothly under the plane, and shrinks or swells little when properly seasoned. Fleets were launched to export white pine, railroads were bent to great stands of it, mushroom cities rose in its clearings, and it founded great fortunes. Under its boughs evolved the American lumberjack.

For toughness our pioneers turned to hickory. Not steel itself is as shock resistant. So the Norwegian ski champion wants to know that, when he takes that flying leap, his life is insured by good American hickory under his feet. As a fuel, a cord of hickory almost equals in thermal units a ton of anthracite, and epicures will have no smoked hams but those cured over green hickory coals, so subtle is their aroma.

Every American soldier, from Washington's armies to Eisenhower's, has known the feel of a native black walnut rifle stock under his palm. Under hard usage, walnut does not splinter; instead of growing rougher with handling, it becomes smoother.

Wild Indian Bees

The Russian beekeepers are experimenting with wild Indian bees. The Indian wild bee is said to possess a number of qualities which make it superior to the domesticated species, especially for colder climates. It emerges from the hive to lower temperature than ordinary bees and has a much greater speed of flight. It is able to fly through fog when visibility is poor. Indian bees even have been known to go out for nectar on moonlit nights.

Psychologists Make Study Of Causes Behind Suicide

More men than women succeed in committing suicide, but there are usually more attempts, hysterical and fake among females, according to a recently completed study of 500 suicidal attempts. The study was made by Alex J. Arieff, associate in nervous and mental diseases in the Northwestern university medical school, in association with Dr. David B. Rotman, director of the psychiatric institute of the municipal court of Chicago, and others.

The cases studied were referred to Dr. Arieff and his associates by the court. It was learned that, in the age group under 20, the majority of attempts (82 per cent) were hysterical or fake. In the group aged 20 to 30, 48 per cent were fake, and from 50 to 70, only about 1 per cent fell into this category. The older the person, therefore, the more genuine and ominous the attempt to take his own life.

The investigation found that acute alcoholism generally acts as a precipitating, not a causative, factor. In other groups, it is the precipitating agent in between 40 and 50 per cent of the cases. "From this we can safely conclude that many suicidal attempts never would have been made if alcoholism did not enter into the picture," the researchers said.

Another significant trait of suicidal types is their work record. It was learned in the study that 41 per cent of the cases had inadequate employment histories. Lack of work, or a poor occupational record, often is an important symptom of maladjustment and, in the absence of bona fide physical handicaps, psychiatric reasons can be suspected, the report stated.

New Milk Carton

A carton for delivery of milk, provided with a cream chamber and a valve for controlling an opening between the milk and cream chambers, is the subject of a recent patent.

Indian Name for Bass

"Achigan" was the descriptive name given to the black bass by the Algonquin Indians. The word means "The fish that disputes, struggles and shakes."

In The Churches

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister. Sunday, August 22,

11:00 a. m. Worship. The Rev. James H. Robinson, Pastor of the Church of the Master, New York City, will preach.

A roller skating party, sponsored by the young people of the Trinitarian church, will be held at the South Deerfield rink on Monday evening, August 23. Cars will leave from the Aldrich store in East Northfield and the Gungas pharmacy in Northfield at seven o'clock. All who enjoy roller skating or want to learn are invited to go. Your assistance with transportation will be appreciated.

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Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor. Sunday, August 22, 10:30 a. m. Service and Sermon. "The Tree-like Christian". 11:30 a. m. Sunday School. 7:00 p. m. Evening service. Wednesday, August 25, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mason of Buffalo, N. Y., and family were visitors at his mother's home here last week. His mother, Mrs. Lucius Mason, is still at the Brattleboro hospital but improving in health. Mrs. Burton Spencer of Canton, Ohio, is visiting with her sisters.

the Misses Maud and Amy Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Whitaker accompanied by the Misses Sadie and Gladys Jardine of Hartford, Conn., have recently returned from a visit with relatives in Canada.

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Utmost Caution Required In Wringing Family Wash

There are right and wrong ways of doing even such a simple household job as putting clothes through the wringer of the washing machine, home economists remind housewives. Careless wringing can damage both clothes and machine. Here are rules for right wringing:

Before putting clothes in the wringer fold them smoothly so that the thickness is evenly distributed across the roll. Running clothes through in a lump is hard on both clothes and wringer.

Let the machine wring at its own pace. Never try to rush the job by pulling or forcing pieces through.

Large buttons or buckles should not go through the wringer. They are likely to break, bend, tear off or damage the rubber on the rolls. Fold small buttons or other fastenings under a layer of the fabric before wringing so they do not come in direct contact with the rolls. Otherwise they may scrape the rubber or be torn off. Belts, sashes or other small strips of clothing also should be folded under so they do not catch in the rolls.

Wipe rolls dry before leaving the machine, or wash and dry them if they are stained by colored clothes. Never allow grease or a grease solvent like gasoline to get on the rolls. These substances rot rubber.

Miracle Man-Made Timber Speeds Britain's Housing

By a clever mating of plastics and prefabrication, Great Britain has produced "plimber", a synthetic wood that is factory-made from a variety of raw materials. This plastic composition building material is proving ideal for walls, partitions and flooring, radio cabinets and furniture of all types.

"Plimber" is helping to solve Britain's colossal housing problem. It has already gone far towards accelerating the nation's speedy, low-cost home building program. Adaptable to many kinds of construction, it is also pulling its weight in Britain's export market. Strong enough to withstand any climate, it takes a fine veneer finish for home furnishings that stands comparison with top-quality natural woods.

Developed over the past three years, "plimber" is now in mass production at six plants in Britain. It consists largely of wood fibers chemically treated and bonded with synthetic resins. These same adhesives were used in making aircraft during the war.

The wonders of the mongrel wood are almost unlimited. It can be sawn, cut, drilled, nailed, screwed and generally treated like real timber in every way.

Oriental Motif in Middle West

The theme of world fellowship preached by the Baha'i cult is symbolized in an unusual temple built at Wilmette, Ill. Materials of the western world—white Portland cement and crushed quartz—have been shaped into a nine-sided structure of intricate design, ornamented with bas-relief and filigree, which would be at home in the Orient. The vaulted roof is 150 feet above the floor of the main auditorium, which will seat 1,600 when work on the interior is complete. Baha'i followers hope for completion by 1953. The cult follows Baha'ullah, who in Persia in the 19th century taught that all the great prophets have been inspired by a mission from the same God, and that each faith represents a necessary step in the social and moral progress of mankind.

First Innerspring Mattress

Heinrich Westphal, veteran of the Franco-Prussian wars is credited with the invention of the innerspring mattress. He had been injured during the war and spent much time on a hard hospital bed. Through his discomfort, he conceived the idea for the innerspring mattress, had one made and presented it to Prince Bismarck in 1871. He lacked the funds to capitalize on his invention, however, and the patent expired. Research in this country got underway in the early 1900's, but it was the late 1920's before innersprings were produced in any quantity. Since then, perfected innerspring unit constructions, improved tailoring and other features developed by individual manufacturers have added more comfort and better appearance to innerspring mattresses.

USAF Four-Jet Fighter: Plane

United States air force's newest long-range fighter, and the first ever powered by four jet engines, the Curtiss XP-87, successfully completed its first test flight at Muroc, Cal., air force base, remaining aloft for about an hour. The XP-87, which has a gross weight almost as much as the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress of World War II, is one of the largest fighter planes ever produced. It has a wing span of approximately 60 feet and an overall length of approximately 65 feet. Designed for a range of approximately 1,500 miles, the XP-87 has a service ceiling in excess of 35,000 feet. Capable of operating under the most extreme weather conditions, the new fighter is powered by four Westinghouse 24C jet engines, arranged in pairs in a single nacelle on each wing.

Northfield Speker Leaves For Europe

The Rev. Dr. Charles Tudor Leber, administrative secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, will spend the next four months on a series of overseas missions for his denomination. After attending the meetings of three international Protestant organizations, he will fly to India to become a part of a New Life Deputation, a specially appointed group of Christian leaders to that nation, Pakistan and the countries of the Near East, including, if circumstances permit, Palestine.

Health Report

The public health nurse, Miss Barbara Makowsky, has reported for the month of July the following cases. Total number of patients visited, 130; chronic cases, 83; acute cases, eight; maternity or post-partum care, seven; infant health supervision, 18; adult health supervision three; three children transported to dental clinic; one child returned from health camp; pre-school visit, one; transportation for townspeople, four; communicable diseases two.

Married Couples Want 'Prestige' But Not Children

WASHINGTON. — Childless marriages are increasing because Americans are "obsessed with cleanliness" and because new babies aren't worth much in "prestige value."

Dr. Lewis I. Sharp, New York City psychiatrist, made these observations in a report to the National Conference on Family Life.

The report, prepared in collaboration with a New York colleague, S. Bernard Wortis, said there are no "physiological factors" to explain why the rate of childless marriages has doubled in the last 30 years.

"Today one out of every seven American women who marry never have children," it said.

Psychological Reasons

The report cited five "psychological" reasons:

"Cleanliness": People want to be protected from the things that are part of normal healthy childhood.

"Prestige Value": The value of the child is diminishing... prestige value of a new automobile is much greater than a new baby.

"Economic": The high cost of having babies is a "very important" factor.

"Milk Bottle": "This has enabled mothers to substitute movies, cocktail parties, and outside work for family life." The child reared by "absentee parents" is apt in later life to be maladjusted in marriage. Such a marriage likely will be short-lived and is unlikely to produce children.

"Weak Men": The male figure today is "weak"... washing dishes, doing shopping and frequently passive... "It is not remarkable that he has ceased to exert his prerogatives and has retired to the poker game, the club and the national conferences to compensate..."

Recommend Subsidies

As one remedy, Sharp and Wortis recommend that the government pay parents subsidies for babies. This was proposed earlier at one of the discussion sections but voted down.

Monkeys Make Good Showing In High Altitude

Yale university physiologists have demonstrated for the first time that it is possible to expose a monkey to an altitude of over 14 miles in a pressure chamber and bring him out alive.

This report was made at a meeting of the aviation physiology section of the American Physiological Society by Dr. Samuel Gelfen.

The research, although performed on animals, has significance for high altitude fliers and airplane passengers.

Out of all the monkeys which were suddenly exposed to altitudes ranging from 70,000 to 75,000 feet in decompression chamber tests, only one died. In this instance there were other contributory causes.

The monkeys taken to this extremely high altitude—which in nature has a temperature of about 65-70 degrees below zero Fahrenheit—were returned to sea level immediately at a "free fall" rate of about 200 miles per hour. This is comparable to a man falling out of a plane at a high altitude and plunging earthwards without opening a parachute. It took almost five minutes to bring the monkeys back to sea level pressures.

Previous experiments had been made on rats, but the monkey, which is an animal closest to man, had never been decompressed to 75,000 feet. Amazingly enough, the monkeys withstood the shock more readily than the rats, which experienced a 50 per cent mortality in experiments.

Use of Iron as a Fetish

Egyptian pharaohs of 4,000 B. C. wore strings of iron meteorite beads to ward off evil spirits. Swords forged from meteorite iron by the Assyrians and Persians were supposed to possess magical power that protected their owners from all possible harm. An iron meteor that fell in Asia Minor was worshipped by the Phoenicians as Cybele, mother of the gods. The sacred Black Stone of the Mohammedans, enshrined at the center of their Holy-of-Holies in Mecca, has been described, doubtless by disbelievers, as a large meteorite. The Romans drove iron nails into the walls of their homes as an antidote against the plague.

Carp in France Grow Big

There are some enormous carp in the fish ponds of the Chateau de Chantilly, France, which are believed to be well over a century old. Just before the war two men were punished at Baden, near Vienna, for stealing from a local lake two carp estimated to be so old they had been registered under the Austrian office for the preservation of ancient monuments. There is a record, too, of an enormous carp being caught some years ago in the moat of a castle in Bavaria which had a ring in its gills, proving it to have been at least 260 years old.

El Salvador Well Cultivated

Ranking next to Haiti, El Salvador, with an area of 131,176 square miles, is the smallest country of all the Americas. Almost every bit of the land is cultivated, for not only is El Salvador an industrious country but it has 1,800,000 inhabitants to support. Coffee is the chief product and chief export item. This country ranks third in world coffee production. El Salvador is an agricultural country which boasts a great many products. Surrounded by volcanoes and mountains, this tiny country is beautiful beyond description.

Declares Prices Depend on Supply

Critics who blame farm price supports for inflation are ignoring the real culprit—expanded purchasing power in relation to the supply of consumable goods.

This is what American Farm Bureau Federation President Allan Kline declared in a speech delivered at the annual meeting of the West Virginia Farm Bureau Federation at Jackson's Mill, W. Va.

Mr. Kline vigorously denied that the nation's No. 1 problem of inflation can be effectively attacked through changes in farm price support levels.

He pointed out that prices of many farm products — of live meat animals, for instance — are far above current support levels. Mr. Kline declared in a speech delivered at farm supports were not in existence during meat inflationary periods.

"Those who believe that inflation can be alleviated by lowering supports to the farmers are barking up the wrong tree," he declared. "The only real and lasting cure for inflation lies in expanded production."

The AFBF chief predicted that prices of many desirable foods will inevitably fall as a result of the bumper crops forecast by the Agriculture Department.

"Those who say that farm prices will merely remain static need to be reminded that corn sold in the heart of the corn belt to feeders for \$2.30 a bushel to \$2.50 a bushel two months ago, and that last week, even before this most recent crop estimate, No. 2 yellow shelled corn for October 15 delivery at Chicago could be purchased for \$1.48," he said.

Other indications of declining food costs have been a drop in wheat prices from a postwar peak of \$3.13 per bushel to the current level of \$2.12 per bushel. Oats, barley, rye and grain sorghums have all shown decreases, Mr. Kline emphasized.

"The astonishing crops forecast for this year will exert a similar influence on prices of meat and livestock products. This will just take a little more time," he continued.

As evidence of the fact that today's high prices result primarily from large-volume purchasing power, the AFBF president stressed that liquid assets (including bank deposits, government bonds and currency) stood at \$237 billion in December 1947, compared with \$69 billion at the end of 1939.

Increased production cannot be achieved by name-calling between different economic groups, said Mr. Kline. He added: "We need to work together to make the most efficient domestic program possible, and we need to realize that prosperity in one group makes it far easier for other groups to be successful."

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STRAW HAT CIRCUIT

The Glass Menagerie Brattleboro Aug. 24

The Brattleboro Summer Theatre will close a highly successful season by bringing stage and screen star Julie Hayden to their stage in the Tennessee Williams play "THE GLASS MENAGERIE".

The play will open Tuesday, August 24, with the curtain going up at 8:30 for each of the performances.

Miss Hayden will be supported by members of the resident company.

"JOHN LOVES MARY" continues through August 21.

"Candlelight" at The Keene Theatre

Keene Summer Theatre, Keene, N. H., Tuesday through Saturday, August 24 - 28, CANDLELIGHT, featuring Joyce Harris.

Town Topics

A community flower show will be held in Buckland at the Grange Hall Sunday, August 22 from 2 to 8 o'clock. Millers Falls will have a flower show September 10th in the Main street library building under the auspices of the Millers Falls Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hayes of East Northfield were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Carleton Brown at their cottage in Perry, Maine. Mrs. Eva Findley, former teacher in Northfield High School is a surgical patient at the Chipman Hospital, St. Stephens, N. B.

Miss Elsie Scott will be attending

the 10th Summer Conference of the New England Association of Chemistry Teachers at the University of Maine in Orono. The Conference is held from August 22 to the 29, and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the organization. Mr. and Mrs. M. Carleton Brown will occupy the Wood house on Main street for the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall returned from their wedding trip to Quebec and the New England states.

Our Town Treasurer Charles F. Slate, accompanied by his wife, is visiting the state of Maine.

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